

**COMMENT OF  
THE DAY**

**Economic Talks**

ONE question about the conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in Sydney that seems to be exercising the minds of not a few people is whether it will be a policy-making one or whether it will merely be concerned with reviewing achievements under the plans agreed upon in London at the end of last year. It seems misleading, however, to argue that, because it is not a conference of Prime Ministers and is being held in Sydney, instead of London, it is of relatively minor significance. One factor especially will add to the importance of the deliberations and that is the failure of the United States Administration to announce their trade policy. It will be recalled that the last Commonwealth economic conference declared that progress "towards a system of freer trade" was dependent upon American co-operation. At that time, however, it was hardly visualised that there would be such delay in the US Government making up their mind.

It is one thing to take action to promote a freer system of trade when the United States is taking parallel action; it is quite another when the United States continues to stand aloof. Members of the Commonwealth could afford to take a liberal attitude to imports from other countries if the United States were to take a more liberal attitude to imports from the sterling area. But can they when entry into the American market remains severely restricted? Yet a pressing problem confronting many trading nations today is the shortage of sterling. The recent negotiations now proceeding in London with the Japanese, for instance, are largely concerned with this problem. Can the Commonwealth maintain the status quo for a year until it becomes known what the United States is going to do? It is highly improbable that they can do so. Indeed, a major task confronting the Finance Ministers and their expert advisers will be to reach agreement on modifications to the plans decided upon in London in 1952.

WHILE the common action taken to reduce external spending has strengthened sterling, it has also had adverse effects on inter-empire trade itself. The extent to which restrictions on imports can be relaxed would in any case have come up, but American dilatoriness makes consideration of the issue much more urgent. Mr. Butler, especially in view of the increasing competition being met by British exporters in foreign markets, can be expected to stress the importance of inter-empire trade. On the whole, the sterling area members of the Commonwealth recognise the value of reciprocal trading within the Empire, and there is ample scope for expanding it. But, as the recent report by OEEC on Britain's economy pointed out, the need for expanding trade with foreign countries outside the Commonwealth cannot be ignored. In part this is bound up with the question of making sterling less scarce, and this in turn is linked with the volume of American purchases from the sterling area. Clearly if those purchases were reduced, then exchange restrictions within the sterling area would have to be intensified. So long as the sterling area has to husband dollar earnings carefully, it is difficult to see how its members can relax trade restrictions substantially. Even without American co-operation, however, there is no reason why the Commonwealth countries should not seek to increase the value of their imperial trade.

# US BANKNOTES SUSPECTS HELD

## Most Of The Stolen Money Recovered

### THREE PEOPLE ARRESTED BY FBI AGENTS

Washington, Jan. 5.

Secret service agents today arrested a negro, his wife and another man in connection with the New Year's eve theft of \$160,000 from the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The secret service also announced that \$120,000 of the stolen \$20 bills and \$7,000 in smaller bills — for which some of the stolen \$20 notes had been exchanged — was recovered from a farm near Middleburgh, Virginia, where the suspects had taken the money for burial last night. The balance — \$33,000 — has not been accounted for.

The negro — an employee of the Bureau where all US paper currency is produced — was identified as James Rufus Landis, 29. He and his wife Mamie, 26, were arraigned before a US commissioner.

U. E. Baughman, chief of secret service, said the other man arrested is a neighbour of Landis and is employed in another government agency.

Mr. Baughman later identified him as William Giles, a negro who lives in the same apartment building with Landis and is employed as a government building painter.

Mr. Baughman said Landis was seized at his job in the Engraving Bureau at about 10 a.m. today and admitted some part of the theft, but denied other details.

Landis' wife was arrested shortly afterward. Mr. Baughman identified Landis as one of "five main suspects" from the moment the money was discovered, missing yesterday.

He said the other four original suspects, also Engraving Bureau employees, are "apparently okay."

**ACCESS TO VAULT**  
Mr. Baughman said Landis has been a "distributor-checker" at the Engraving Bureau since 1942, and had access to the vault from which the money was stolen.

He said Landis, his wife and Giles drove last night to a farm near Middleburgh, Virginia, where Mr. Landis' father lives.

Mr. Baughman said Landis told his father-in-law he had a large amount of money but "the heat is on" and they wanted to bury it.

He said Landis' companion shifted the money from a red-painted wooden box to a metal box which resembles a tool kit, and left it with the father-in-law for burial.

He said the father-in-law became worried and called the Virginia State police at about 5 a.m. today. Two Virginia State troopers, V. P. Hochman and S. S. Seacrest, went to the farm, recovered the money and called the secret service.

In the box, Mr. Baughman said, they found 44 bundles of the stolen \$20 bills (\$88,000) intact and about \$7,000 in smaller bills, the proceeds from passing stolen notes.

**SHOWS HIDE-AWAY**

He said 16 additional bundles (\$32,000) were found hidden under a small hand truck in a dark corner of the fifth floor of the Engraving Bureau.

He said Landis led them to the Engraving Bureau hide-away. Mr. Baughman disclosed later that an additional \$1,300 in small bills was recovered from the Landis apartment.

Included in the metal box was \$3,000 stuffed into a pair of grey silk socks which Landis was going to give his father-in-law for burying the loot, Mr. Baughman said.

He said Landis admitted taking the packaged money from a hand truck at the vault door last Thursday, substituting "dummy" packages of the same size and shape, but denied carrying the stolen money out of the building.

Mr. Baughman said Landis named another person as the instigator of the scheme, but that the secret service had reasons to doubt that part of the story.

**FALSE POCKETS**

Mr. Baughman said the secret service has reason to believe that Landis sewed false pockets into the tail of a coat and spirited the money out that way.

Mr. Baughman said Landis' story failed to account for all the missing money and there is a possibility that a fourth person — a man — is involved in the biggest theft in the history of the Engraving Bureau.

He said Landis admitted passing some of the stolen bills to the northeast Washington neighbourhood, but claimed to have used money which was not stolen in making a \$1,200 down payment on a 1953 Oldsmobile in which last night's trip to Middleburgh was made.

Mr. Baughman said Landis claimed to have passed only about 20 of the stolen \$20 bills and that another alleged accomplice passed a great deal more for small bills and kept the rest back to him for safe-keeping.

**"MESSY THINGS UP"**  
He quoted Landis as saying: "I really messed things up, getting my wife into a thing like this."

During the original questioning, Mr. Baughman said, Landis flatly refused to implicate Giles and kept insisting there was another accomplice who was the "real brains" of the theft.

Mr. Baughman said Mrs. Landis denied knowledge of the theft, but that the secret service had firm evidence that she accompanied her husband and Giles to Middleburgh last night on the money-hiding expedition.

Asked why Landis returned to his job on schedule this morning, Mr. Baughman said the suspect told his father-in-law he "had to show up or would be a number one suspect" in the theft. — United Press.

## Relief Fund Donations

Below is published this morning's contributions to the Shumshupo Fire Victims Relief Fund.

The Fund closes at 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 9.	
Cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The Shumshupo Fire Victims Relief Fund."	
Anonymous	50.00
Staff of Jellens Ltd.	183.00
Staff of Jellens & Co.	308.00
H. T. Barma Ltd.	250.00
Staff of Netherlands Hospital	161.25
H. A. Waller	50.00
H. A. Miguel Brewery	
Factory Workers	626.00
Oscar, Diane, Blackie & Rinty	24.00
Principal of Hongkong Technical College	173.95
Anonymous	100.00
Famela Yeh	50.00
South China Building Materials Ltd.	200.00
Arthur A. Lopes	50.00
Tsang Wing Kwong	50.00
"A Red Cross Clothes Sorting Party"	48.00
Members of the Kowloon Club	600.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. Davies	25.00
Harbour View Hotel	250.00
Arlington Hotel	250.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Gutierrez	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. A. Miller	25.00
Previously Acknowledged:	
\$115,223.80; Sterling £100.	
\$10,385.00; Sterling £100.	

## The Royal Tour Officially Resumes

Rotorua, New Zealand, Jan. 6. — Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left here by air today for Gisborne to resume their round of official engagements in New Zealand.

The Royal Couple have spent a short holiday at Moore Lodge, near here. They spent most of yesterday quietly at the Lodge, on the pine-clad shores of Lake Rotorua.

Their two days of complete privacy at Moore Lodge have been their first real rest since their first visit to New Zealand in 1953, when they began to Bermuda and back to New Zealand.

**BUGANDA "DIFFICULTY"**  
Kampala, Uganda, Jan. 5. — The Buganda Lukiko (Parliament) today passed a resolution that a "humane request" be sent to the Governor, Sir Andrew Cohen, pointing out that "it would be difficult for the Buganda to welcome the Queen in a suitable manner" so long as the recently deposed Kabaka was away from the country. — Reuters.

# ROBBERY:



"Nike" the new United States guided missile, was tested recently at the White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. The missile was fired from a special battery and the target was a B-17 radio controlled heavy bomber. The "Nike" missile travelling at 1,500 mph attacked and with amazing precision destroyed the bomber. Picture shows "Nike" explosive warhead shattering the robot plane. With uncanny precision it hits the target-plumb centre. — London Express.

# ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS: CABINET RESIGNS

Rome, Jan. 5. Premier Giuseppe Pella tonight handed in the resignation of his five months old Christian Democrat Government.

A last minute revolt by the leftwing of his own party foiled a fortnight's efforts to reinforce the Cabinet by a reshuffle slanted to the right.

A 15-minute emergency meeting of the Cabinet decided on the resignation. Immediately afterwards, Premier Pella went to the Quirinal Palace to offer the resignation to the President of the Republic, Signor Einaudi.

The leftwing of the Party tonight told the Premier they would not accept his new list of Cabinet Ministers in the proposed reshuffle of the Government.

They particularly objected to the replacement of the leftwing Agriculture Ministry by a representative of the Party's rightwing.

Despite assurances from the Premier that the new Cabinet would continue to carry out the big land reform programme launched four years ago, the Christian Democrat leftwing parliamentarians would not accept the change.

The Cabinet crisis was seen partially as a result of the uncertainty that has gripped the Christian Democrat Party in the last six months on how to halt the continuing growth of Communist strength in Italy.

**COMMUNIST CLAIM**  
The June elections boosted the following of the Communists and their allies from seven to nine and a half millions. Communist spokesmen claimed that new elections now might show the leftwing to be the biggest political force in Italy.

As a result of the last elections, the Christian Democrats alone cannot keep a government in being. They must seek allies either to the right or left. But the rank and file of the party as well as its leaders, were tonight sharply divided on which way to turn.

After informing the President of the Republic of his resignation, Signor Pella told reporters that his efforts to reunite his Cabinet were aimed at giving the country a technically and politically more efficient government. — Reuters.

## Once In A 100 Years

Toronto, Jan. 5. Paul Phillips peered over the shoulder of the man in front of him in a line at a bank window and saw the man cashing a cheque for \$225, signed by Paul Phillips. Phillips grabbed him by the arm and yelled for the police. Detectives who arrested John K. Kinschuk, 35, on three counts for uttering forged cheques said today that the same thing "couldn't happen again in 100 years." — United Press.

## If Chinese Renew Korean War

# US WILL RETALIATE

Washington, Jan. 5.

President Eisenhower advised Congressional leaders today that the United States will retaliate directly against Communist China if the Chinese renew the Korean war or intervene in Indo-China, Congressional sources disclosed.

These sources, who refused use of their names, said Mr. Eisenhower spelled out America's Far Eastern strategy in bold terms at a White House conference with Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders.

The meeting was called by the President in an effort to attract bipartisan support for his foreign programmes and a scaled-down defence budget.

These sources said Gen. Richard B. Russell (Democrat, Georgia) and Rep. Carl Vinson (Democrat, Georgia) expressed serious doubts on the wisdom of President Eisenhower's decision to recall two American divisions from Korea.

They said they feared that the move would be construed as an indication of weakness.

These sources said the President and Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles defended the decision as an indication of strength rather than weakness. They were said to have called it evidence of new determination to resist aggression with full-scale use of air power and new weapons — presumably including atomic weapons.

The informants said President Eisenhower probably will use his State of the Union address to Congress on Thursday to make America's position clear to the Communists. — United Press.

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# Elopers' Plans Thwarted

## Court Order Stops Marriage

Edinburgh, Jan. 5.

Bolivian tin magnate Don Antenor Patino thwarted the marriage plans of his 18-year-old daughter today, but the youthful beauty was reported to be seen lunching happily with her lover in Glasgow.

Witnesses who identified the couple said they looked very much in love.

The multi-millionaire Patino won a court order allowing him to delay the elopement marriage of his beautiful daughter, Maria Isabella Patino, 18, and 20-year-old James Michael Goldsmith. Their wedding certificate would be valid after 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The runaway lovers who eluded Patino's detectives for two weeks were spotted at noon in a Glasgow restaurant where they were overheard telephoning to Edinburgh.

When they walked out of the restaurant they headed in the direction of the Glasgow railway station where it is a trip of less than an hour to Edinburgh.

## ESCAPES REPORTERS

At 2.20 p.m., a blond young man resembling Goldsmith, strode out of Edinburgh's Caledonian Hotel where Patino directed private detectives and lawyers in a campaign to stop the marriage of his daughter who ran away from her chaperone and family to marry him. Seeing he was followed, the young man walked quickly to a nearby railway station, made a quick telephone call in a public booth, emerged, joined two men waiting for him and they all jumped into a car and sped away.

They were seen leaving town in the direction of the airport and the road to Glasgow.

Pursuing newsmen could not catch up with the car. Patino's attorneys refused to say anything but after a conference with Goldsmith's lawyers promised a statement on the case tomorrow morning. — United Press.

## Train Crashes Into Plane

Vienna, Jan. 5.

An Austrian Diesel coach train, the Blue Lightning, today crashed into a Soviet jet plane, which was being towed by a tractor over an unguarded level crossing near Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna, it was learned tonight.

Several Soviet air bases are located in the Wiener Neustadt area. The accident is understood to have been due to fog. — France-Press.



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# Beria's Successor Has His Wings Clipped

## NO MORE "ADVENTUROUS CAREERISTS" FOR USSR

By DON DALLAS

(Formerly Reuters's Moscow Correspondent)

London, Jan. 5.

Soviet Russia today made it clear that it will never again allow the country's Secret Police organisation to get into the hands of "adventurous careerist elements hostile to our state".

## U.N. May Meet Next Month For A Debate On Korea

New York, Jan. 6. Informed Western sources at the United Nations today believed there was "a reasonable chance" that the General Assembly would reconvene early in February to debate the Korean problem — but not before January 23, when unrepatriated prisoners are expected to be released.

The reconvening of the Assembly is expected to be requested by India. Under a resolution adopted in December, Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, its President, may recall the Assembly with the concurrence of the majority of the 60 member states.

It was understood that the Indian delegation has not yet received any instructions about asking for a meeting either before or after January 23.

### MORAL BACKING

If the Indian Government asked the Assembly to meet and to give its moral backing for the way in which India has handled the tricky prisoner issue, there is little doubt in the minds of influential delegations that the majority would agree.

Similarly it is believed likely that the majority would be sympathetic if the Indians found themselves being subjected to a great deal of abuse by the Communists for releasing the prisoners.

The prevailing view here is that the Indian custodial forces will release the prisoners on January 23 in accordance with the interpretation of the armistice agreement despite any misgivings which the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, may still have. — China Mail Special.

Confirmation that the wings of Russia's new secret police chief and Minister of Internal Affairs, Sergei Kruglov, have been seriously clipped appeared in an article in Moscow's Pravda today.

Kruglov clearly will have only a fraction of the personal power wielded by his predecessor, Lavrenti P. Beria, who was executed in Moscow on December 23 after being convicted at a secret trial of high treason.

The Pravda article, written by the Soviet prosecutor-general, General Roman A. Rudenko, said the Ministry of Internal Affairs (which includes the secret police organisation) will be under very strict control by the ruling Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Government.

The key passage of the article broadcast by Moscow Radio said: "The Party Central Committee and the Soviet Government have adopted a number of measures to ensure: unrelenting and systematic control over all sections of the state machine, including the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and over the strict adherence to Soviet socialist law."

"Any attempts by adventurous careerist elements hostile to our state to utilise one or another link of the Soviet state machine for their criminal undermining aims and against the interests of the people are doomed to failure."

### NO MORE LIKE BERIA

The article confirmed the impression held by Western observers of Soviet affairs for some time that the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, and his colleagues are determined that no one person will in future be allowed as much power as Beria concentrated in his hands.

Kruglov, whose appointment as Minister of Internal Affairs was announced after the denunciation and disgrace of Beria last summer, is a professional security man and not primarily a high party leader.

He is not a member of the policy-formulating Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, nor is he a Vice-Premier. Beria held both.

These posts and for many years had been one of the Soviet "Big Four."

### STRICT SUPERVISION

The Rudenko article appears to be a postscript on the Beria affair drawing the moral that there will be a strict and unrelenting supervision over the precise adherence to the Socialist law.

It said: "Enemies of the people, enemies of the Soviet state, penetrating into one or another link of the Soviet state machine, have tried by every means to violate socialist law so as to create an atmosphere favourable to their undermining activity."

"This was done in particular by the mortal enemies of the workers—Beria and his accomplices—who were unmasked as agents of foreign imperialism and sentenced by the Soviet court of law in accordance with the law and the unanimous will of the people."

The pledge that Soviet law will be scrupulously respected seems to be aimed at reassuring the Russian people that there will be no general purge wave in the wake of the Beria affair. — Reuters.

## Vietminh Cells Active In Cambodia

Phnompenh, Jan. 5. Settling up of Vietminh cells in Cambodia have been intensified since the Communist-led rebels launched their attack on Laos and in the central Mekong area, observers noted here today.

In line with the general plan of reorganising Vietminh activity throughout Indo-China, Vietminh leaders in Cambodia are pursuing their objective of creating a zone of security extending from the Gulf of Siam to the mountain country along the South Vietnam frontier.

Military Service King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia today reaffirmed his country's determination to stop Vietminh aggression with the establishment of compulsory military service.

In an order of the day, the young King pointed out that Cambodia's present economic and moral efforts were not only, as was the case last summer, an additional argument for independence but an urgent check to Vietminh activity in the country. — France-Press.

## He Married "Richest Girls In The World"



Rodolfo Rubirosa, the handsome Dominican diplomat who was once married to tobacco heiress Doris Duke (right), has now married Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton (left). Both Doris Duke and Barbara Hutton have been described as "the richest girls in the world". The announcement of the marriage was made by Zsa Zsa Gabor, another of the glamorous women in Rubirosa's life. — Express Photo.

## Bidault: "I Did Not Say France Wants US Troops In Indo-China"

Paris, Jan. 5. The French Foreign Ministry circles, commenting on a report in the New Herald Tribune from its correspondent, Joseph Alsop, on the possibility that American troops would be used in Indo-China, today made it clear that the suggestion was that of the correspondent, and not from the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault.

### The "Sickly One" Was 102

Knoxville, Tennessee, Jan. 5. "I was always the sickly one in the family," Miss Lizette Sellers told a group of friends gathered at her home on Sunday to wish her well on her 102nd birthday. — United Press.

## "Japanese Sell Children At £1 To £10 Each"

Stockholm, Jan. 5. Riga Radio has quoted a Soviet merchant navy captain as telling Riga children that "needy Japanese peasants are forced to sell their children for from one to ten pounds sterling each."

The Radio was quoting a description of life "in the capitalist world" given by Captain Edgar Berzinsk, a Deputy in the Supreme Soviet of Soviet Latvia, to the children of Riga's second children's home when he attended their "New Year's tree" party.

He first described a New Year's Eve he remembered when he reached an English port late in the evening. "There were already lights in the homes, but at the docks small boys were at work carrying heavy loads on their backs in order to earn enough money for food," he said.

### HIS LAST CENT

"I saw a little boy crying as he leaned against a brick wall. He had lost his last cent — the cent which he had just earned for working that day. He had no place to go. He was alone in the wide world, without bread or a home."

"There are many such children in the capitalist world, because their Governments do not bother to care for children," Captain Berzinsk said. "Needy Japanese peasants are forced to sell their children from £1 to £10 each. In Tehran's match factories, children aged from five to ten years are working 10 or 12 hours daily."

"In the capitalist world today, New Year brings no happiness with it," he concluded. — Reuters.

Mr Alsop, in an article last Sunday, said that the United States should envisage more drastic measures, including the sending of troops to Indo-China. He indicated that the French Foreign Ministry circles said that he was echoing the sentiments of M. Bidault, and the Secretary of State for the Associated States of Indo-China, M. Maro Jaquet.

As to the views of M. Jaquet, these circles said that they were well-known. M. Jaquet believes that three hypotheses may be envisaged for the solution of the war in Indo-China: (1) international negotiation with the participation of Communist China; (2) a military solution on the condition of the allies bringing up massive military aid; and (3) negotiations with Ho Chi-minh.

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Increasing, and that it was possible that, in a few weeks or months, this attitude would have repercussions on French policy.

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### Queen To Use Ceylon's Historic Throne

Colombo, Jan. 5. Queen Elizabeth II, on her tour of the Ceylon, will use the historic throne of the last King of Kandy, Sri Vikrama Rajasinghe.

The throne now preserved in a glass case in the Colombo Museum is being overhauled for the occasion. New crimson velvet covers are being prepared for the somewhat threadbare cushions which are still kept because of their national and historic value.

The throne was used by the last King of Kandy until the British took over in 1815. With other royal regalia it was then removed for a time to England where they were kept first at Windsor Castle and later at the Albert Museum, London. — China Mail Special.

## This General Was 66 Years In Soviet Army

Moscow, Jan. 5. The death was announced here today of a 62-year-old Soviet ballistics expert, Colonel General Nikolai Fyodorovich Drodzov, who joined the Russian army back in 1886 and served uninterruptedly for 66 years.

Drodzov was the recipient of the Stalin Prize, and many decorations, and wrote 37 scientific works on ballistics, the last of which was written when he was 90.

The obituary notice on the Red Star, the organ of the Soviet Army, stated that he "was the first in the world to present the mathematically exact solution to the main problem of internal ballistics in 1903." — France-Press.

The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, said: "I have good hopes that the many forces now co-operating at work will free us from the terrible period in which we have both lived so long."

The United States High Commissioner, Dr. James B. Connelley, said: "The German people and the nations of Europe are now in a position to see the light of freedom and peace. We are all looking forward to a new era of peace and brotherly love in the years to come." — China Mail Special.

## GUIDED MISSILES PROTECTION FOR 35 US CITIES

Washington, Jan. 5.

Guided missiles, jet interceptor planes and radar warning devices "now in production" can give the United States an effective defence against enemy atomic bombers, states the U.S. News & World Report magazine.

"The American people are being frightened by terror stories of atomic attack, but they are not hearing so much of the other side of the story — a story of fantastic new weapons of defence that are able to track down and destroy the enemy weapons of offence long before they reach vital targets," the magazine said.

Should any bombers get through the interceptor screen, the magazine said, they would run into the batteries of "Nike" anti-aircraft guided missiles which the Army is planning to install around 35 major cities. It said that "Nike's" effectiveness against planes flying high enough to drop A-bombs has been "publicly set at close to 100 per cent."

All weapons mentioned by the magazine have previously been published. Military officials believe they will greatly improve this nation's air defence. They also cautioned that an all-out defence against enemy A-bombers is probably impossible to achieve and would be enormously expensive to attempt.

### GREATER EFFORT

The magazine acknowledged that "vastly greater effort and expense will be required" to develop a radar warning network that would assure prompt detection of enemy bombers. But it said that "progress is being made and a practical warning network is in sight."

Once enemy bombers are spotted, it said, they can be dealt with by supersonic interceptor planes and guided missiles. It said the United States is now building jet fighters "with speed for in excess of any known bomber" and also is producing a radar-guided missile, the "Falcon," to be used by the interceptors to knock down enemy bombers. — United Press.

## Soviet 3-D Film In Colour

Paris, Jan. 5. The Soviet Tass news agency reported today that a new three-dimensional Technicolor film based on an opera by Sergei Rachmaninov had just been completed in a Leningrad film studio. The film, "Alcece," is based on an opera adapted from a work by the famous Russian poet Pushkin. — France-Press.

## U.S. Funds For India To Buy Steel

New Delhi, Jan. 5. India and the United States signed an agreement here today whereby \$25,000,000 (about £2,107,000) will be made available to India to buy steel. India herself will contribute 10,000,000 Rupees (about \$2,300,000 or £1,200,000).

With this joint fund, India will buy 200,000 tons of steel for her economic development. India's own contribution will pay for handling the steel at the port of entry and other distribution costs.

This is the second operational agreement under an \$80,100,000 (about £31,825,000) Indo-American technical co-operation programme for the current American fiscal year ending June 30.

The steel acquired under this agreement — signed on the second anniversary of the beginning of the Indo-American technical co-operation programme — will be used in development projects in agriculture, industry, railways and major river valley projects. — Reuters.

## To Discuss Plans For Development Of British Guiana

Georgetown, Jan. 5. The Governor of British Guiana, Sir Alfred Savage, told a 27-member Interim Legislative Council today he would leave for London next week to discuss a long range development programme for British Guiana.

He expressed the hope that the "lost ground" would be completely recovered during 1954. He called for increased production of sugar, bananas, rice, cattle and copra. — France-Press.

## Spain Refuses Visas To UK Labour Officials

London, Jan. 5. The Spanish Government has refused visas for a delegation of the Labour Party to visit Spain to try to secure the release of imprisoned socialist leaders.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, announcing this tonight, commented: "The Spanish Government should be afraid to admit two delegates of the Labour Party is a grim comment on the condition of Spain under the Franco regime."

"The Labour Party will continue to exercise vigilance on behalf of Spanish Socialists, trade unions and Democrats who are attempting to assert their fundamental human rights."

The decision to send a delegation to Spain was made by the National Executive of the Labour Party in November. Mr. Percy Knight, a trade union official, and Mr. Saul Rose, the Party's International Secretary, were chosen for the visit. — Reuters.

The Hague, Jan. 5. The members of the International Association of Clearing Banks Collectors will hold their first world congress here on January 14. — France-Press.

## All German POW's Released, Says UK Official

London, Jan. 5. Britain had released all German prisoners taken in the last war by the end of 1948, the Foreign Office stated tonight.

## West-East Trade Encouraged

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Geneva, Jan. 6. The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, will leave here today on a round of visits to capitals on both sides of the Iron Curtain to discuss new East and West trade talks scheduled to begin next April.

After secret trade talks in Geneva last April organised by the EDC, Mr. Myrdal said a "good start" had been made towards improved trade relations between the 25 East and West European nations who took part.

Beginning in London today, Mr. Myrdal's tour will take him to Paris on Friday, Copenhagen next Wednesday, Stockholm on January 8, Helsinki two days later and then to Moscow — probably on January 23.

Early next month he plans to visit Warsaw and Prague, returning to Geneva about February 12. An ECE spokesman announcing the itinerary yesterday, said that in Moscow Mr. Myrdal would discuss preparations for the ninth annual ECE conference here in March, and East-West trade talks to follow it.

It is planned to hold the trade talks from April 20 to May 3. ECE, set up in 1947 to promote the economic development of Europe as a whole, comprises the European members of the United Nations and the United States. — Reuters.

## More Russia-U.K. Trade Forecast

Manchester, Jan. 5. Encouraging prospects of a moderate rise in trade between Britain and the Soviet Union were reported by the Russian section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce in its annual report today.

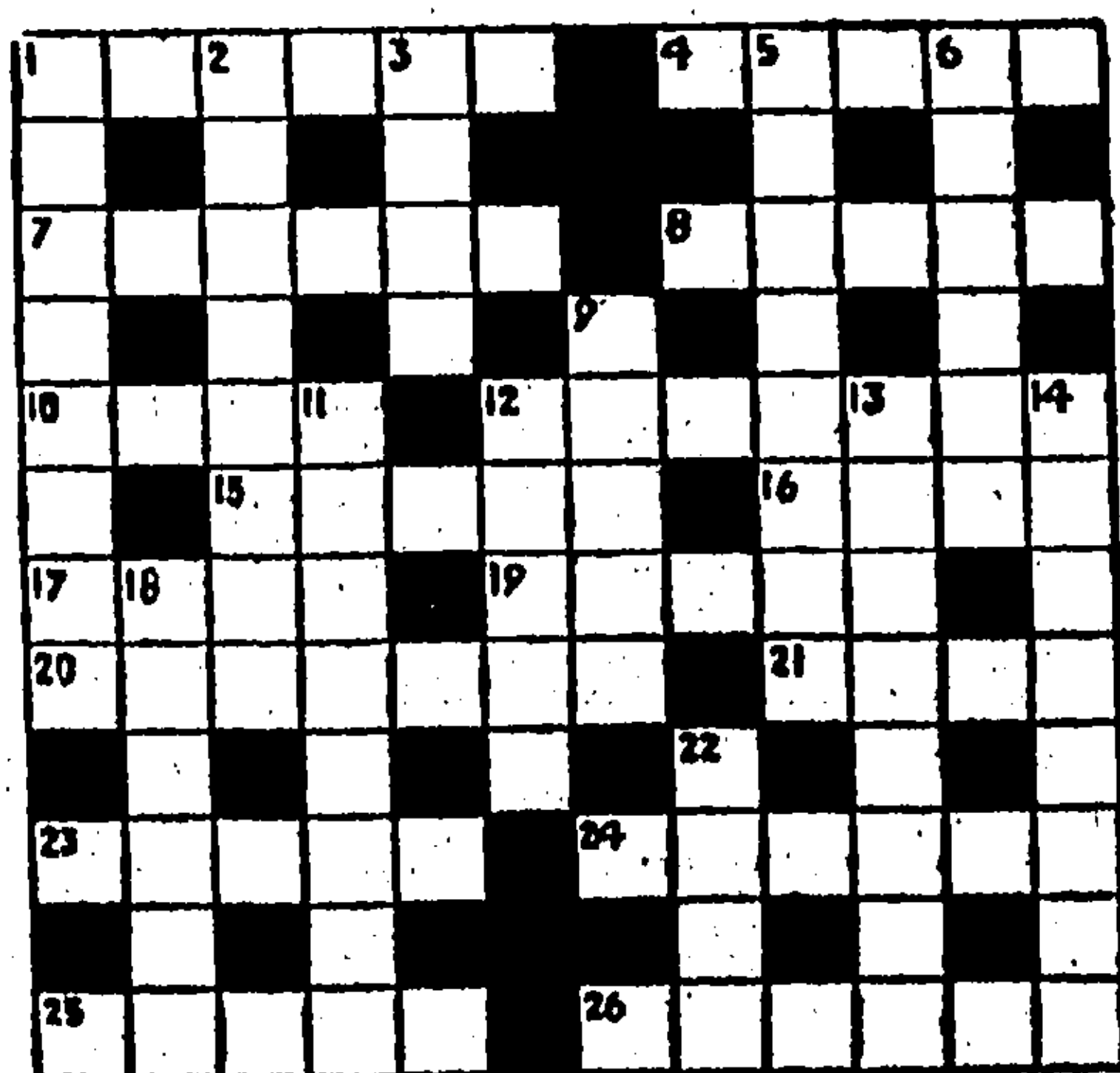
But it is too soon to judge whether recent enquiries from Russia are likely to lead to concrete business, the report said.

Forty large orders are reported to have been placed for cables and electrical equipment and manufacturing of other goods, as indicated in the Russian market.

The report says that the pattern of trade with the Soviet Union would probably be based broadly on an exchange of primary products from Russia for industrial and manufactured consumer goods from the United Kingdom.

During 1953, trade between Britain and the Soviet Union was valued at £1,100,000,000, or an annual rate of £2,100,000,000, which was less than the £2,100,000,000 in 1952. The corresponding figure for 1951 and 1950 was £1,100,000,000 and £1,100,000,000 respectively. — Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Harmony (6).
  - Frito (6).
  - Cive (6).
  - Entertainment (6).
  - Incurance (4).
  - Cause to function (7).
  - Female relative (5).
  - Animals (4).
  - Grows old (4).
  - Painful contraction of muscles (6).
  - Remedy (7).
  - Couch (4).
  - Take without right (5).
  - Part of the eye (6).
  - Fit (6).
  - Stick to (6).
- DOWN**
- Civic dignity (8).
  - Imprisons (8).
  - Ceremony (4).
  - Word arrangements (8).
  - Shrewd (6).
  - Kind of whale (5).
  - Unsettles (8).
  - Happen (6).
  - Flying (6).
  - Adventure (8).
  - Little-tattle (6).
  - Document (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 3 Begrimed, 8 Totter, 9 Animated, 11 Painters, 12 Pose, 13 Knots, 15 Great, 19 Load, 23 Sentences, 24 Spectral, 25 Peruse, 26 Spangula. Down: 1 Stops, 2 Strip, 3 Basting, 4 Erase, 5 Arms, 6 Miscon, 7 Dashed, 10 Irate, 14 Order, 16 Setback, 18 Clasp, 19 Canine, 20 Snout, 21 Fever, 22 Slog, 23 Naps.

## Present For Adenauer—A Book On Hitler

A book on Adolf Hitler was among car-loads of gifts presented to West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, on his 76th birthday today.

The book, by British author Allan Bullock, was given by one of his staff, but Dr Adenauer said: "But why read about this man again when I have experienced all his regime myself. I think I could make better use of my time than by reading about Hitler."

For more than eight hours, Dr Adenauer stood in the reception hall of his Chancellery receiving the congratulations of Germans and foreigners.

Among the gifts was a large crystal from his Cabinet, a collection of German grown ap-

ples, pearls, nuts and fruit juice from his Home Minister, ancient paintings, wood carvings, champagne, a silver copy of West Germany's Freedom Bell and an umbrella.

He also received piles of congratulatory telegrams and letters.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, wrote: "I hope that in the New Year the joint efforts of our two countries to create a united, peaceful and brotherly Europe will continue to develop."

Spain, Jan. 5. The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, said: "I have good hopes that the many forces now co-operating at work will free us from the terrible period in which we have both lived so long."







## Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Skill and Luck Go Together in Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHAT about this young team that won the national championship last year? They were asked: "Were they good or were they lucky?"

The answer is that they were very good and slightly lucky. Even a very good team has to be slightly lucky to win the way to the championship, but no team can get there on luck alone.

Today's hand was played in the 1953 championship by William A. Rosen, the 24-year-old college student who won the two principal events in the national championships. He got to a perfectly normal but very difficult contract in today's hand, and he played it with flawless technique. (The opening bid and the response were merely exploratory bids and were not intended to guarantee real suits.)

West opened the deuce of heart, and Rosen won in his own hand with the king. It was clear that he could get to dummy only once, twice at most. One diamond

NORTH			
♠ 105			
♥ 98			
♦ 943			
♣ 762			
WEST			
♠ 786			
♥ 10852			
♦ 10			
♣ 105			
EAST			
♠ 84			
♥ K73			
♦ K872			
♣ 83			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 92			
♥ KQ4			
♦ A95			
♣ K94			
Both sides vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥2			

flower wouldn't do him much good even if it worked, so Rosen led the jack of diamonds from his hand at the second trick.

East took the king of diamonds and led another heart, dummy winning with the ace. Now there was this entry to dummy for a suit in which one lead from dummy could do more good than in other words, he led a club from dummy. East played low, and declared put up to the king, winning the trick.

There was still work to be done. Declarer cashed the ace of the trumps, dropping West's ten, led the low diamond to dummy's nine and returned to his hand with the queen of hearts to cash the queen of diamonds. Having taken seven tricks, he got out with a low club, hoping that the opponents would have to give him two spade tricks.

East took the club trick with the ace and returned a club to the queen. West cashed his last heart and then led a low spade. This gave South his choice. Should he play the ten or the queen of spades from dummy?

This was actually no problem at all. East surely had the king of spades, for otherwise he would have led a spade after he had taken his ace of clubs. Hence Rosen played the ten of spades from dummy and thus assured his contract with two spade tricks.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
North: 1♣, 2♥, 3♦, 4♠, 5♥, 6♠, 7♥, 8♠, 9♥, 10♠, 11♥, 12♠, 13♥, 14♠, 15♥, 16♠, 17♥, 18♠, 19♥, 20♠, 21♥, 22♠, 23♥, 24♠, 25♥, 26♠, 27♥, 28♠, 29♥, 30♠, 31♥, 32♠, 33♥, 34♠, 35♥, 36♠, 37♥, 38♠, 39♥, 40♠, 41♥, 42♠, 43♥, 44♠, 45♥, 46♠, 47♥, 48♠, 49♥, 50♠, 51♥, 52♠, 53♥, 54♠, 55♥, 56♠, 57♥, 58♠, 59♥, 60♠, 61♥, 62♠, 63♥, 64♠, 65♥, 66♠, 67♥, 68♠, 69♥, 70♠, 71♥, 72♠, 73♥, 74♠, 75♥, 76♠, 77♥, 78♠, 79♥, 80♠, 81♥, 82♠, 83♥, 84♠, 85♥, 86♠, 87♥, 88♠, 89♥, 90♠, 91♥, 92♠, 93♥, 94♠, 95♥, 96♠, 97♥, 98♠, 99♥, 100♠, 101♥, 102♠, 103♥, 104♠, 105♥, 106♠, 107♥, 108♠, 109♥, 110♠, 111♥, 112♠, 113♥, 114♠, 115♥, 116♠, 117♥, 118♠, 119♥, 120♠, 121♥, 122♠, 123♥, 124♠, 125♥, 126♠, 127♥, 128♠, 129♥, 130♠, 131♥, 132♠, 133♥, 134♠, 135♥, 136♠, 137♥, 138♠, 139♥, 140♠, 141♥, 142♠, 143♥, 144♠, 145♥, 146♠, 147♥, 148♠, 149♥, 150♠, 151♥, 152♠, 153♥, 154♠, 155♥, 156♠, 157♥, 158♠, 159♥, 160♠, 161♥, 162♠, 163♥, 164♠, 165♥, 166♠, 167♥, 168♠, 169♥, 170♠, 171♥, 172♠, 173♥, 174♠, 175♥, 176♠, 177♥, 178♠, 179♥, 180♠, 181♥, 182♠, 183♥, 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# IF THE WEATHER HOLDS WOLVES AND WEST BROM. ARE BOTH CAPABLE OF A CUP AND LEAGUE DOUBLE

Says DENNIS HART

The English weather has become a joke. Its vagaries have been extemporised by comedians in music halls and variety theatres all over the country.

But with the third round FA Cup ties less than a week away soccer fans, particularly those in the Midlands, are treating the subject with deference.

And the connection between England's national game and her national joke? Just this. If the mild spell, which has existed throughout the first half of the season, continues through the second half, 1954 may see the 'impossible' achieved, a club performing the Cup and League double.

## ONLY TWICE BEFORE

Only twice has one club carried off both honours, Preston North End in 1889, and Aston Villa in 1897. But in

these days the competition in other tournaments was not nearly as fierce as it is today. The difficulty has increased manifold.

But this year I think that either Wolves or West Brom. are equal to the task—providing the weather holds.

The significance of the weather is this. If it continues mild, playing ability will be the deciding factor. But if the usual winter mixture of snow and sleet arrives, turning grounds

into slushy marshes, it will be a survival of the fittest.

In such conditions every step is an effort. Good football is impossible. Luck and freak results are the order of the day.

Since the war, such sides as Arsenal, Manchester United and Portsmouth have been on the verge of carrying off both honours only to fall at the last moment. It is not only heavy going that wrecks form. So do fog and frost. Fog causes an end of season pile-up of fixtures, which, combined with games postponed owing to Cup ties, means that before the final takes place the two competing clubs may play up to three games a week.

And frost may force them to play those games with weakened sides. Frozen grounds send injury lists soaring.

So it can be seen that the weather man will have a definite influence on which two teams will walk onto Wembley's green and pleasant turf on the first Saturday in May.

## IF HE BELIEVES

If he believes Wolves or West Brom. have the ability for the task. They proved that in the first half of the season. They were undoubtedly the outstanding teams.

These days, with League struggles fought out strenuously from the first game, club games give a far more accurate pointer to Cup form than they used to. For every match is like a Cup tie.

What if the weather turns bad? First, I think that would help Wolves. Their short passing game would get stuck in the mud, and the defence would find off-side tactics of little use in slippery conditions.

West Brom. may fare better. They can swing the ball about, and they have a defence in depth plan. This may be enough for them to ride the storm and win the Championship. But I think it would be asking too much for them to take the Cup as well.

A side I expect to do well if the going gets heavy, is Newcastle. In forwards like Milburn, Johnston, Hannah and Mitchell they have opportunists who will make the fullest use of any defensive slips. And these are frequent in both soft and icy conditions.

## TOUGH DEFENCE

The Georgies also have a tough defence to support the forwards. It is based on one of the best half back lines in the country—Stokoe, Brennan and Secor.

Bolton, last season's beaten finalists, are similarly placed. Their forwards, from experienced Internationals Lofthouse, Hassall and Moir to youngsters like Holden and Parry are all go-getters, and could take them to Wembley again.

I think Blackpool's chances of holding the title remote. They still play good football, but both attack and defence have slowed down.

Manchester United's youngsters might last the course better than some of the older sides in the heavy going, but may lack the necessary experience.

## FINALLY, ARSENAL

Finally, we come to Arsenal. One can never discuss soccer honours without the Gunners being mentioned sooner or later. Three months ago, with two points from eight games, many said that the Highbury glamour boys were due for the big drop. But they fought back magnificently and are now third favourites for the Cup.

They have two things in their favour. Forwards capable of beating their way through any defence, in any conditions, and a wonderful tradition which means so much in the tense Cup atmosphere.

But even there may be cancelled out by a most unexpected Arsenal-like defeat—weakness in defence. Individually the players are good, but they have not yet knitted together to form a rear-guard such as one has come to expect from Arsenal.

This season the Cup looks more open than almost any since the war. But if you ask me for my hunch, then, despite their faults, it's Arsenal.

(London Express Service)

## Test Match Drawn

Capetown, Jan. 5. South Africa drew the third test match against New Zealand today despite a follow-on. New Zealand scored 408, South Africa 388 and 189 for wickets.

# TOMMY ATKINS' Army Sports Parade

The Army Golf Association paid this column the compliment of asking it to nominate, and seal, the three holes for the Hidden Bogey Competition held at Epsom last week. The winner was Major F. C. M. Reeves of 25 Field Regiment who was 1 up both before and after deduction of the Hidden Holes. The runner-up was Major L. H. P. Wainwright-Catham of the 7 RTR who finished all-square. The holes selected for the hidden bogey were 8, 13, and 17.

Army soccer referees were well represented at the talk given on Monday by Mr. Clarke, the English referee, who is with the Pegasus party at present in the Colony.

Rugby enthusiasts are now hard at work trying to pick the winners of the Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition. The names in the semi-finals suggest that there will be two terrific tussles before the finalists are decided. The ties which have to be played off before January 31 are as follows:—1st Dorset v. 72 LAA Regt. RA; and 1st Welch v. 1st King's.

It is possible that the games will be played on different days and as these have tremendous possibilities fans will be delighted with the news that they will be able to see both.

Early in the season I suggested that the final might well lie between Welch and Dorsets and that could easily turn out to be a good forecast.

I have just had a look through the most recent copy of that most useful book 'Sports and Games in the Army, 1953-54'.

No service sportsman should be without a copy of this publication as it covers all sports played in the Army and provides the rules by which they are judged.

Whenever there is a pitch to be marked off or a track to be measured there is a need to have reliable data and the latest edition of its predecessor, contains all the answers in a clear straightforward way.

In spite of the disappointing response to the call for entries for proposed Basketball League the authorities have decided to go ahead with arrangements. Seven teams have been entered and the present intention is that the sides should meet each other twice and so play 12 games in all. This should be a most interesting competition and the only regret is that it did not get the support that it merited.

## DISAPPOINTING

Army boxers will no doubt be out in strength at the next Boxing show at the Mission to Seamen on January 14. With Seamen have been entered over the programme have been several different games and eagerly awaited return meeting between Lucas and James cannot now materialise as the soldier has left the Colony.

Athletes are reminded that the HKFA is holding an Open Meeting at Boundary Street on Sunday. This meeting is, of course, open to military competitors and entries should be forwarded to the SPT HQ by tomorrow. The meeting will start at 1.45 p.m.

Entries for the Inter-Unit Hockey Championship have now climbed to 12 and the competition is taking on a more representative look. The list closes on January 8.

There has been further widespread support for the recent suggestion that officers should be run. Many letters have been received but Sgt. Darby is, I am assured, a bit inaccurate in suggesting that such a competition would have to be run by the Land Forces Sports Board.

Neither game is covered by 'Sports and Games in the Army' and according to my information it could, with the approval of the military authorities, be run by a competent committee. It was with this in mind that I first 'passed the ball' to the Sergeant and expected to be well represented in the crowd that watched the HKCC game against Pegasus on Sunday.

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surprising to hear that up to now only ONE entry has been received.

The Army soccer referees have two important dates on their calendar. Next Saturday they have their monthly meeting at the No. 6 Higher Education Centre at 10.30 a.m. and on January 15 they hold the Annual Dinner at the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road. This should be one decision that will please many folks.

The Army Golf Association has sponsored a very interesting golf match which will be taking place as you read this column. It is a select team against the Pegasus footballers and it will be played over the Fanning Golf Course.

The local side will be made up of the Captain of the Club and two members, one player from the RAF, and four Army golfers. There are several top-class golfers among the Pegasus players and a lot of special interest will be centred round Leslie Compton who is a 2 handicap player. In connection with the game the visitors will be taken for a tour of the New Territories.

EXCELLENT

The Army soccer players who took part in the first and second games of the Pegasus visit gave excellent displays and did a lot to answer the critics who thought that some of them would not make the grade.

'Blondie' Longland of the Dorsets had just about his best game of the season and made a big impression on several of the visitors. Altogether six Army players took part in the series against the Amateur Cupholders and are to be congratulated on the honour they have brought to the Service and to their own team.

During the weeks I have been writing this column I have been most impressed by the tremendous contribution made to Army sporting affairs by the members of the Army Physical Training Corps.

Whenever there is a formal or unit competition or sports programme to be arranged their advice and assistance is sought and from the experience there seems to be no job too big or too small for PTI to tackle.

Apart from their own particular specialty they build up a vast working knowledge of many different games and sports. They cover many miles and work many hours in the course of their duty and I am sure that the sporting fraternity in the Army owes them a big debt for their willing and expert assistance.

Footballers come and go. Last week I reported that the Army had lost the services of Gnr. Casey who had returned to the U.K. This week it is my pleasure to record the arrival of one who is a new addition to the Army side—Gnr. Currie, outside-right from Leeds United. Nash, the present winger who has given such fine service to the Army and the Colony has, for some time, been keen to give up the game but has not yet found a suitable replacement could be found. The arrival of Currie may allow the Army officials to accede to Nash's wishes.

The Army cricket team had a convincing victory in their Second Division match against KGV on Saturday. Capt. Dewar gave a fine display with the bat and rattled up 61 runs for the Army. The team total of 223 was the highest of the day.

McCook and Rock shared the bowling honours with four wickets apiece. One of Major McCook's victims was his son who was playing against him on this occasion and who incidentally caught his father off the bowling of Basto. Quite a family feud!

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# THEY CENSOR FILMS WITH A ROLLING-PIN

By CECIL WILSON

Sam Goldwyn the other day added a sober and characteristically logical word to the American censorship rumpus raised by the banning of Jane Russell's latest film, 'French Line.'

The shrewd showman who should really be included out of those Malapropisms so fondly associated with his name wrote to the Motion Picture Association of America urging it to bring its purity code up to date.

The code is administered on behalf of this body of Hollywood producers by the Breen Office—formerly the Hays Office—with an unwieldy and, in many cases, ludicrous list of 'do's and don'ts.'

It has banned Miss Russell's new 3-D film because of 'some glaring shots' and a dance sequence.

Whether the ban was justified or whether Miss Russell had good reason for supporting it, I cannot say until I have seen the picture for myself. But I have seen Mr Breen's production code

and here I am on Mr Goldwyn's side.

BARRED WORDS

Murder, it rules, may not be presented in a way that inspires imitation. It forbids drinking scenes (unless they are essential to the plot) and the 'attractive' exploitation of adultery and illicit sex.

It bans such words as alley cat, slut, or bat (applied to a woman), cocotte, God, or Lord (unless used reverently) and damn and hell except when essential to the historical, literary, or Biblical context.

These rules, and all the others I have no space to mention, are reasonable enough in their way, but it is the Breen Office's unimaginative and inflexible interpretation that makes them a mockery.

Just after the war we had that ridiculous fuss over Sir Laurence Olivier's 'Henry V.' because Shakespeare had besmirched his poetry with such terrible words as 'damn' and 'bastard'.

SHOCKED PROTEST

There was also that shocked protest—a comedy far funnier in its pompous gravity than anything Dickens ever wrote—

against Mr. Marjallini's 'Demna' which had to be changed to 'Dash it!' before the film of 'Nicholas Nickleby' was considered suitable for tender American minds.

More recently the same censors banned the word 'damn' and a nude bathing scene which the British censors had passed in the Margaret Lockwood picture, 'Laughing Anna.'

Mr Joseph Breen, as the figurehead of American censorship, has been cursed and ridiculed for the absurdities committed in his name, but he is, after all, at the mercy of those terrifying women's organisations who tower over the United States with a whip in one hand and a rolling-pin in the other ready to belabor any film they consider a moral slur on the American way of life.

It is to sweeten these women that the Breen Office raises objections that would possibly never arise in ordinary circumstances.

The British Board of Film Censors has made its own mistakes, but on the whole it operates on much simpler and more sensible lines.

## NO VIOLENCE

Instead of having films graded by outside organisations it has established its own grades—'U' films for audiences of all ages, 'A' films which children may see in company with adults, and 'X' films for adults only.

Within these grades it judges every film on its own merits on the principle that what might appear sordid or satirical in one treatment might be pardoned as inoffensive in another. But one thing that makes the British censors see red is violence.

'Four out of five scenes we cut concern sadistic brutality,' says its secretary, Mr A. T. L. Watkins. 'We try to be understanding in our general censorship, but we have no mercy on scenes of unnecessary violence.'

## NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1954  
23rd, 27th and 30th January and  
Hong Kong Derby  
8th May, 1954.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close to the Secretary, Alexandra House, 8th Floor, at NOON on Tuesday, 12th January, 1954.

Please enclose the entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order of the Stewards,  
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# Fanning Golf

The first and second rounds of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship (Handicaps 10 and over) were played over the Old Course at Fanning on Sunday, results being as follows:

First Round:—W. H. Paterson lost to Dr. J. B. Mackie — 4/3; F. de Jong beat R. R. Coombs — 5/4; J. L. MacIntyre lost to J. O. Pote-Hunt — 3/2; C. Pratt lost to W. G. Robertson — 6/5; R. J. Barker lost to W. L. T. Crunden — 1 down; A. G. Donn lost to L. H. G. Thomson — 18th green; Baker-Carr lost to R. de Pinna — 2/1; J. R. Litch beat J. Dickson Lench — on 20th green.

Sound Round:—Dr. J. B. Mackie beat F. de Jong — 3/1; J. O. Pote-Hunt beat W. G. Robertson — 1 up; W. L. T. Crunden beat L. H. G. Thomson — 5/4; A. R. de Pinna beat J. R. Litch — 18th green.

The semi-finals will be played on Sunday on the Old Course, testing off times being:—9.15 a.m. Dr. J. B. Mackie vs. J. O. Pote-Hunt, 9.20 a.m. W. L. T. Crunden vs. A. R. de Pinna.

Captain's Cup (1953)

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# Hockey Dates

The Hockey Association programme to the end of the current season is given below and all that is required to make it a success is for the major events to be given as much spectator support as possible. It is:

Jan 16 and 23—Men's Inter-practice; 31—Final Inter-practice for Men and Ladies teams.

Feb 3 and 4—Annual Inter-practice—Hongkong v. Macao at Hongkong; Feb 9 to 27—Army team to Singapore to compete in FARELE Championships.

Mar 10—Army Cup (Semi-finals); Mar 11—International series commence; Mar 20—International series finale; Mar 21—Combined Services v. Macao at Hongkong; Mar 31—Army Cup (Finals).

Apr 10—Combined Services v. Civilian; Apr 19—Army six-a-side Competition; Apr 25—End of Season Festival.

## LEAGUE TABLES

Below are the league positions at the end of the first half of the season, i.e. up to and including January 4.

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	Leaves	Arrives
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"EUMAEUS"	do	13th Jan.
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# Charlemagne Prize For Adenauer

Aachen, Jan. 5.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has been awarded the Charlemagne International Prize for 1954 in recognition of his work towards European unification, according to a decision by the Aachen municipal authorities.

During the Middle Ages, this city was the capital of Charlemagne's empire, which comprised most of the territories now constituting western and central Europe.

The award was made on the occasion of Chancellor Adenauer's 75th birthday.

Last year, the prize went to M. Jean Monnet of France, the President of the High Authority of the Coal and Steel Community.—France-Press.

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m.v. "LA MARSEILLAISE"	"		

# Israel To Buy 100,000 Tons Of Soviet Oil

Moscow, Jan. 5.

Israel will buy 100,000 tons of Soviet fuel oil under a contract signed here today.

The agreement also gives Israel an option to buy a further 100,000 tons of fuel oil in three months and provides her with a new oil source despite her inability to ship oil through the Suez canal because of Egypt's blockade.

The oil shipped from the Soviet port of Odessa will reach Haifa in three days. The cost of the oil will partly be balanced by Soviet purchases of 20,000 tons of Israeli oranges which began reaching Moscow in time for the New Year.

Dr. Zvi Aragon, Economic Counsellor of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, who has been negotiating in Moscow for two months, signed the oil pact. He said Israel also agreed in principle to buy Soviet crude oil, but the quantity and price had not yet been settled.

A special trade envoy was expected to come to Moscow to discuss crude oil and negotiations were also proceeding for the sale of Israeli citrus oils and purchases of Soviet timber.

Dr. Aragon, who is flying home on Wednesday, said his talks started shortly after the resumption of diplomatic relations had been very satisfactory and "gave reason to believe there will be a further growth of trade between the Soviet Union and Israel." —Reuter.

# Tackling Problem Of Tokyo's "Dope Drunks"

Tokyo, Jan. 6.

Tokyo authorities with appeals for emergency accommodation are trying desperately to tackle the problem of the many dope drunks now wandering the city streets.

Metropolitan health officials said the city has about 250,000 mentally sick persons, mostly suffering from the ill effects of narcotics, but only 12 hospitals with 3,000 beds to treat them.

Public help is being sought before the winter sets in.—Reuter.

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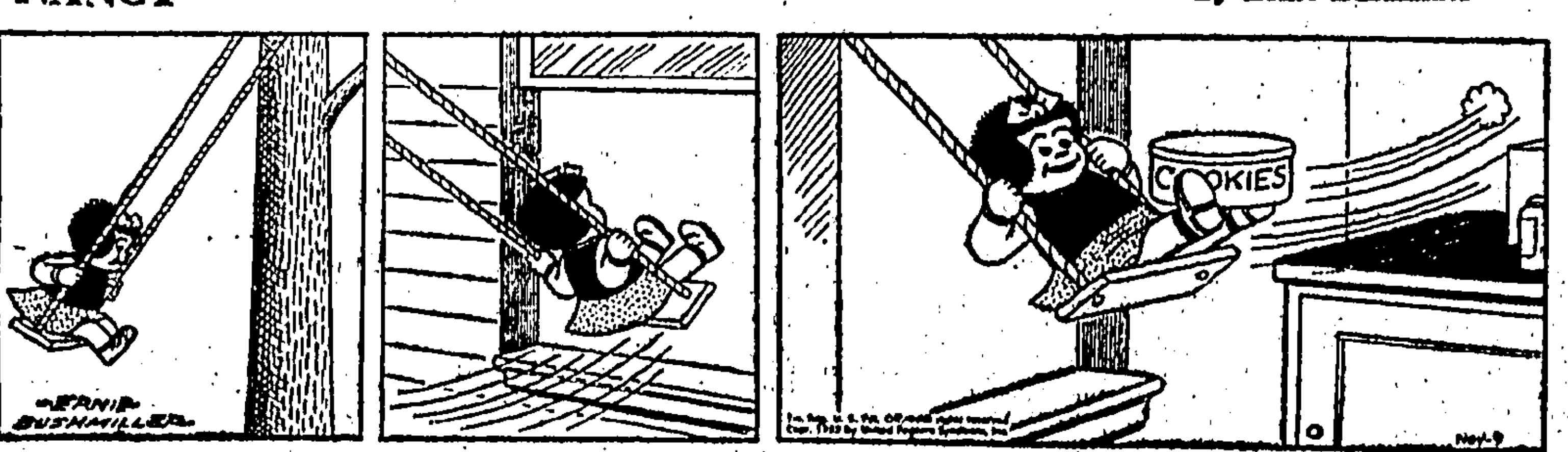
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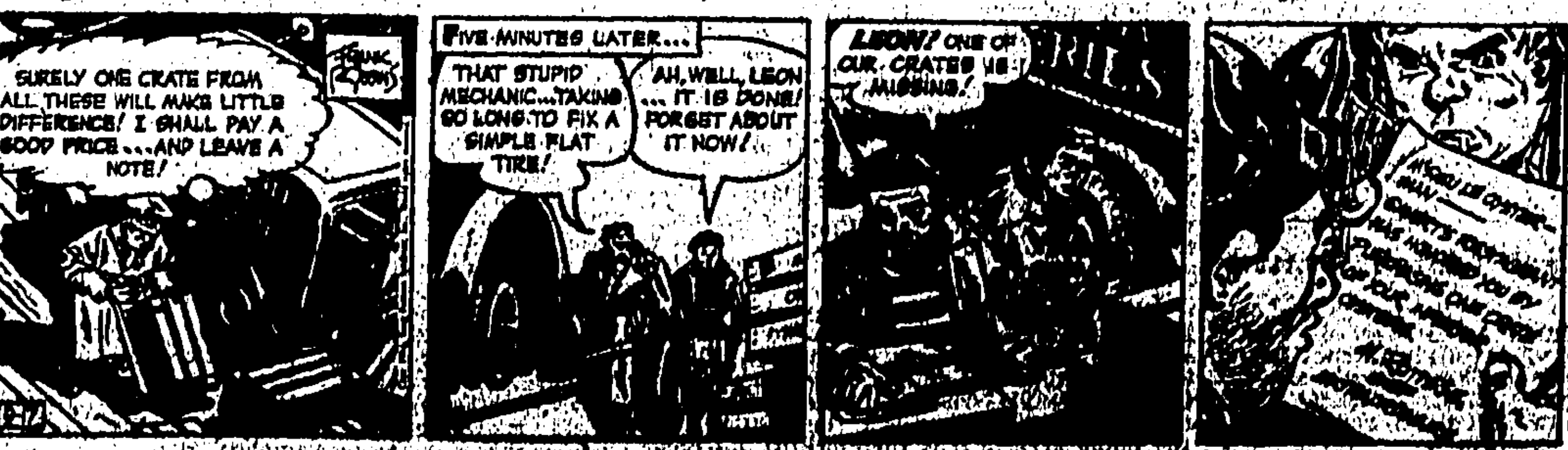
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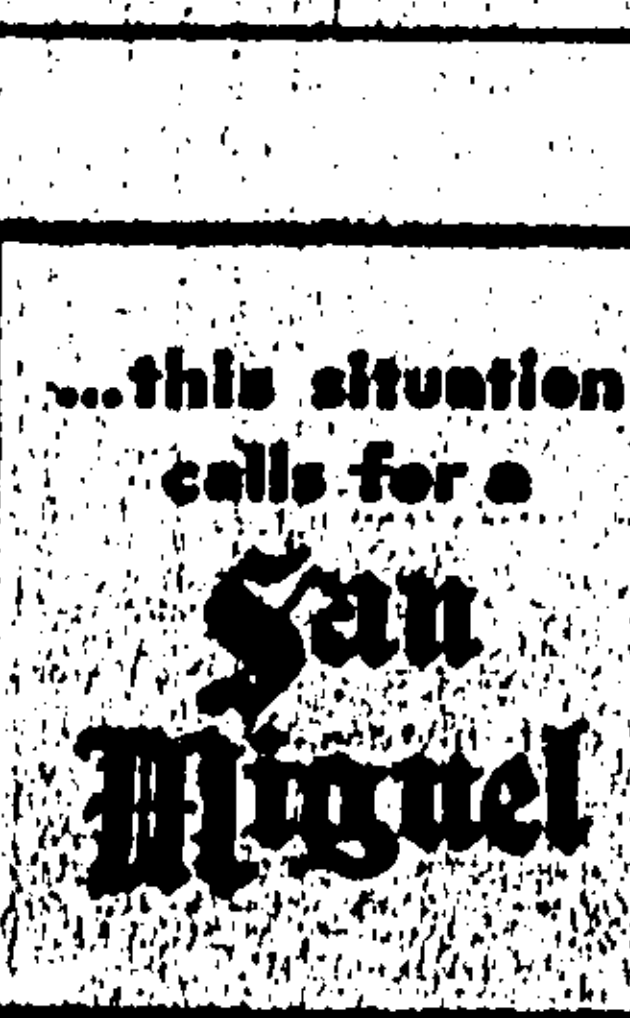


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# Chinese Man Claims He Paints In 3-D

Singapore, Jan. 6.

Singapore physician, Chia Whan Cheong claims he has been painting in three dimensions for more than 30 years.

He combines oil painting and modelling to portray birds, insects, fish and flowers standing out from the background. He uses sandalwood, plasticine and dental cement.

Chia did not realize the three-dimensional appeal of his work until he exhibited in Singapore recently.

Now he says he can get \$5100 (£12-10-6) for some of his work. And he can turn out about 20 a day.—China Mail Special.

# From Alaska To Tierra del Fuego By Car

London, Jan. 5.

The British "Triet-American" expedition of three men left the centre of London tonight for the dock on the first lap of their mad dash trip in a British sports car.

The three-man team will land at New York on their way to Alaska where the expedition is due to start. The team is composed of two Britons, Brian Alder and Martin Garmichael, and a Canadian, Peter Abern.

From Alaska the trio intend to drive down to the Tierra del Fuego by way of Canada, the United States, Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Brazil, and the Argentine. Their car is a Sunbeam Tabor "Alpine" sports model.—Press-Telegram.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Premature Chimes

IT was late in the evening. Bright lights shone down upon a square whose pavements and roadways were almost deserted, giving the whole—the haughty business buildings and the bare, soot-blackened trees—a look of cardboard unreality, like a stage-scene or a film set.

In one corner of the square, there was a coffee-stall, round, which a group of regulars stood, sedate as clubmen in St James's Street windows, munching buns and drinking tea.

Suddenly, the dignified atmosphere was altered, for around a corner, into the square, came a woman whose progress was so erratic that she might have been doing her daily stint of exercise round the deck of a liner caught in a heavy sea.

#### UPON A BANK

"Oh, look what's arrived," one of the coffee-stall customers said gravely, under his breath, to his neighbour.

"Seems to be finding it heavy going," the other observed, looking in the direction of the awaying woman across the street.

The bright lights show the woman to be fair-haired, middle-aged, wearing a tweed suit. The coffee-stall customers watched her progress with interest.

They saw her stop in her stride in front of a solemn bank building. They watched as she waved about the bank's entrance and then, as if she had made a great decision, reach for the bank's bell-push, put her thumb to it and keep it there.

#### OVER HER SHOULDER

AS if not wishing it to be thought that bell-pushing was in any way a full-time occupation, the woman pre-emptively, still with her thumb where it was, looked over her shoulder. She saw the coffee-stall and its customers and realised she had an audience. She rounded on them with a string of oaths.

She was still swearing when a policeman came on the scene, and she was still ringing the bank's front-door bell. The policeman said, "get along home, now."

"I'm ringing out the chimes," the blonde woman said, "do go away."

She refused to move. Instead, she switched some of her invective from the coffee-stall customers to the officer. He arrested her. Next morning at Bow Street, she pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

#### EXASPERATED

HER name turned out to be Agnes, and her age to be 45, and after the police had told Mr Bertram Reece, the magistrate, the story of her arrest, she was invited to ask questions.

"Oh," she said, "I've no questions to ask. I just thought it was New Year's Eve, so I was ringing the chimes out." She sounded thoroughly exasperated.

"The officer couldn't know what you were thinking," Mr Reece said, "any more questions?" As Agnes could think of no more, the magistrate asked if she would like to speak from the witness-box on oath.

"Oh, no, it's bad enough here, isn't it?" she said, "Look, all that happened was that I had a few drinks, and thought it was New Year's Eve, and wanted to ring out the chimes, so I rang the bank bell."

#### NOW I KNOW

THE case was found proved. "Anything known?" the magistrate asked. He was told that Agnes had been fined in June for being drunk.

"Pay 10s," he said. "Haven't got it," Agnes snapped.

"Has she a fixed address?" Mr Reece inquired. He was told she had not.

"I have," Agnes said, "but surely I don't have to tell everybody?"

"You'll have to tell me, or I may have to find you a fixed address," the magistrate said. "Ten shillings or seven days."

They let her out, and as she went, she delivered a parting shot towards the Bench. "Now I know there isn't a Father Christmas," she said.

## LANIEL TO MAKE A POLICY STATEMENT

Paris, Jan. 5. Premier Joseph Laniel, whose resignation was turned down, will make an important policy statement tomorrow when the National Assembly, whose work recently had been reduced to a long series of budgetary debates, will turn to general policy.

When M. Laniel's resignation was turned down by both the incoming and outgoing Presidents, M. Rene Coty and M. Vincent Auriol, whose term ends on Jan. 17, he called an extraordinary session of Parliament to approve his Government by what will be a virtual vote of confidence.

The Premier's statement, approved earlier today by his Cabinet, will mainly concern domestic policy but will include a passage affirming the continuation of France's present foreign policy.

Parliamentary attention is expected to be focused on M. Laniel's statement on foreign policy tomorrow in view of the coming Four-Power Foreign Ministers' conference in Berlin.

While the Premier is speaking in the Assembly the Vice-Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, will be addressing the Council of the Republic, the Upper House.—France-Press.

## Big 4 Talks Security Precautions

London, Jan. 5. The Big Four are expected to institute elaborate security precautions in Berlin to prevent any public demonstration getting out of control during the Foreign Ministers' meeting there this month, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The fear of serious disorders arising from demonstrations against the Communist East German Government prompted Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, to oppose the choice of Berlin as the conference site when Russia suggested it last month.

But the Western powers were prepared to take the risk provided adequate police precautions were taken, and even saw some propaganda advantages in the Ministers' meeting in the divided city.

When the four High Commissioners' representative meet in Berlin, probably on Thursday, to discuss the location of the conference, the Western delegates will press strongly for acceptance of the "neutral" Control Council building in the American sector.

Diplomatic sources here said yesterday the Western Ministers would not set a time limit on the Berlin conference, but they were already agreed that a fortnight to three weeks would be sufficient to test Russian sincerity at the negotiating table. This is the assumption that interpretations into French, English and Russian will be made simultaneously as at the United Nations, and not successively as at past four-power meetings.

The Foreign Office said last night it "shared to the full" the Austrian Government's hope that the Berlin conference would lead to four-power agreement to give Austria her freedom.

Commenting on the Austrian note to the Big Four yesterday appealing to the Ministers to solve the Austrian problem, a spokesman said "We, too, sincerely hope the Berlin conference will lead to a settlement of the question, towards which we have been working for many years."—Reuter.

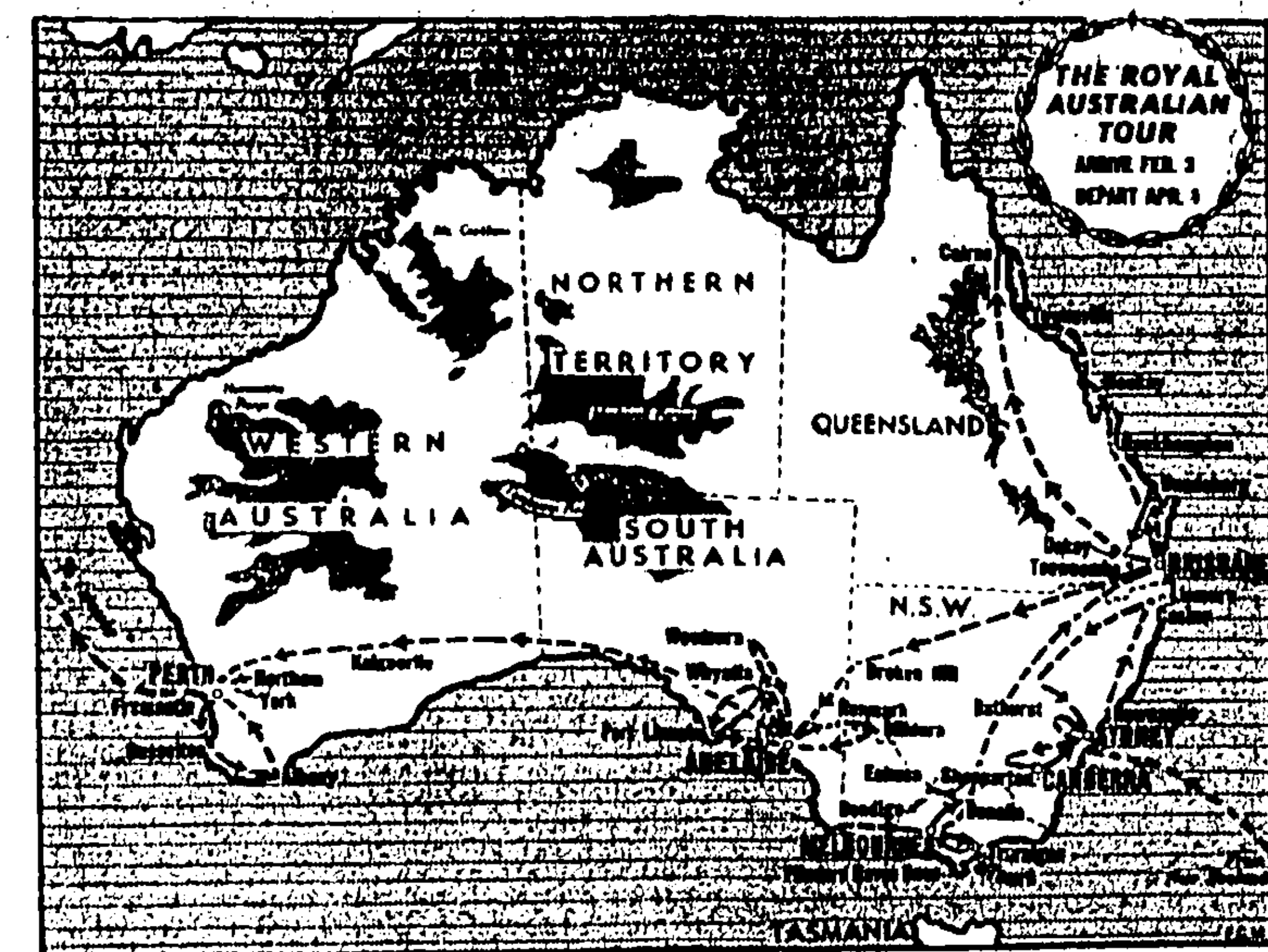
## Ship Searched For Suspect

Macao, Jan. 6. A Macao CID squad boarded and searched the m.v. Tai Loy yesterday for a suspected criminal wanted by the Hong-kong police.

One man, who obstructed the search and assaulted the CID men, was detained. His identity was not disclosed.

The Tai Loy was boarded as soon as she berthed at her usual wharf upon arrival from Hong-kong.—France-Press.

## The Fringe Of A Continent



This map of the Queen's travels in Australia shows that although the royal party will be on the move for 57 days they will touch merely the fringe of this great continent. They will travel 14,450 miles—including 500 miles by road or country trips, 2,000 miles by road in the cities, 800 miles by train in New South Wales and Victoria, 1,150 miles by ship, mainly around the coast, and 10,000 miles by air. Air travel will be made up of 35 separate flights—and every airfield to be used has been inspected by R.A.F. pilots, engineers, and meteorologists. For land travel there is a fleet of 115 vehicles—some of which will be flown from State to State during the tour which begins on February 3 and ends on April 1.—London Express Service.

## Reds Mass Troops For Possible Southward Stab In Indo-China

Hanoi, Jan. 5. A new Communist build-up massed troops in the mountainous narrow waist of Indo-China today in a position that threatened a southward stab toward the French base at Savannakhet. Loyal patrols probing out of Savannakhet, in Laos along the Mekong River, and reconnaissance flights from nearby Seno airbase reported important Vietminh troop movements in the Annam mountains between the placid Mekong River and the coast of Vietnam.

Important enemy concentration appeared to be headed for the mountain township of Tehephone, midway between the Mekong and the coast and a key point from which the Reds could pour into the Mekong Valley and outflank Savannakhet.

The Reds also sent out hundreds of Communist guerrillas and saboteurs charged with whipping up local feeling against the French, cutting communications and harassing Franco-Laoan defence preparations.

The Reds hoped by sending the troops underground to create a Laotian fifth column as strong as the one in North Vietnam.

#### MAY BE COERCED

Observers, however, pointed out that the Laotians, most pro-French of the Indo-Chinese peoples, were unlikely to cooperate willingly, though they might be coerced into minor anti-French actions.

In North Vietnam French Union bombers and fighters today kept up non-stop attacks on Red troops massing for an expected attack on Dien Bien Phu, last French-held stronghold in the Thai country.

In a move to forestall possible Red propaganda against French Union forces, the Laotian Government today announced that a Laotian military officer, Colonel Souphone Pathammavong, would take over tomorrow as Commander-in-Chief of the 20,000-man royal army.

US built Bearcats dropped tons of napalm on Red General Vo Nguyen Giap's 316th "Iron Division" at Senla, Vietnam build-up centre 35 miles east of Dien Bien Phu.

A military spokesman said that 100 French Union prisoners recently freed by the Vietminh were so exhausted on arrival here that doctors ordered them to hospitals.

The prisoners, who include Moroccans, Thais and Foreign Legionnaires, were picked up by a Franco-Vietnamese post 25 miles north of Hanoi. They were the first batch of 297 prisoners freed after an announcement by the Vietminh Radio at Christmas-time.—United Press.

'What's Her Line?' Solution METALLURGIST London Express Service

## Apologised For Everything

Sick Berth Attendant Hughes, of the HM Hospital Ship Maine, stood before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning and said: "All I have to say is that I apologise for everything that I have done."

"Everything," in Hughes' apology, embraced a charge of disorderly conduct which was perpetrated by Hughes early this morning at Queen's Road Central near Ice House Street.

Hughes, who was later affirmed to have been drunk, chased pedestrians and shouted at the more adamant plodders of the pavement, at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Defendant's senior officer told the Court that Hughes was a good and hard worker and had a clear record with the Navy.

#### PPP Gains Union Control

Georgetown, Jan. 5. The left-wing Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) has gained control of the Central Executive of British Guiana's powerful Transport Workers Union in the elections for officers for 1954.

The Party also won six sections of the Union's transport department. Result from three other sections are not available.

The Government, dismissed by the British Government last October, consisted of six leaders of the Peoples Progressive Party.

The newspaper, Daily Argosy, quoted extreme left-wing circles as saying the Union election result paved the way for carrying out a threat of civil disobedience recently made by Dr Cheddi Jagan, the deposed Prime Minister.

The Peoples Progressive Party are already in control of two other important unions—the Waterfront and Sugar Workers unions.—Reuter.

#### 36-DAY STRIKE SETTLED

New York, Jan. 5. A 36-day strike of 14,500 steelworkers against the Continental Can Company was settled today with an eight-and-a-half-cent (about six pence sterling) general increase and other cash benefits.—Reuter.

#### RECORD FLIGHT

Lisbon, Jan. 6. A British European Airways turbo-prop Viscount jetliner today flew from London to Lisbon in two hours, 46 minutes, claiming to have set a record between the two cities.

The plane carrying 26 passengers covered the 1,000 miles at an average speed of 320 miles an hour.—Reuter.

## EDITOR CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO PERVERT COURSE OF JUSTICE

An editor of the vernacular daily paper Wah Kiu Yat Po, Kam Cheuk-ting, 44, of 104 Java Road, ground floor, was arraigned before Mr Justice Reynolds at Victoria District Court this morning on a charge of attempting to pervert the due course of justice.

Kam, who pleaded not guilty, was represented by Mr W. I. Cheung of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, and Mr Simon Li appeared for the prosecution.

The charge was that the accused on October 24 last year attempted to dissuade Leung Ching, a singer, from giving certain evidence in criminal proceedings then pending in the Police Court against Lo Shun, alias Lo Ka-shun, who was alleged to have committed an offence against her by threatening injury with intent to cause her to give him a sum of money. Leung Ching was a potential witness for the prosecution.

At the commencement of today's hearing there was some argument as to the admissibility of one of the two contradictory statements made by the accused, who maintained that he made it without being cautioned and when he did not fully understand the nature of the charge.

Sub-inspector G. A. Rich, who gave evidence on this point, said that the statement made in answer to the charge was directly contrary to the other taken by him, and that both had been written by the defendant himself and certified as correct by him. He stated that he had, through an interpreter, made the circumstances of the charge clear to the accused, and had also administered the customary caution.

Police interpreter Liu Shun-kai, interpreter attached to the CID office at Central Police Station, said the accused wrote his own statement after being charged, and read the statement which he had made on this occasion. "I did not see these things," Before the other statement was admitted, however, Kam was called to give evidence on this point.

Kam said he remembered the interview he had with Inspector Rich and Interpreter Liu on October 27 when he wrote a statement himself in Chinese. The nature of the enquiry was made known to him, he said, but he did not quite understand it. He was not cautioned, and wrote a statement himself. Before he made it all he was told was that people had lodged a complaint about a conversation he was alleged to have had with Leung Ching, and he was asked whether he knew Au Ming-shun.

#### JUDGE SATISFIED

Mr Reynolds said that he was satisfied that the nature of the charge was understood by the accused and that a caution had been administered.

Mr Liu read the second statement in which the defendant had said that he approached Leung out of "goodwill" to "make peace and bring the matter to an end." He knew Lo Shun had done wrong, but as a friend of his, he did not want to be punished only lightly so that he would repent.

Leung Shing was then called, and said that she had known Kam for a long time. They spoke over the telephone on October 23, she said, and the next day they met at the Star Ferry and went to the Kowloon Restaurant. There defendant told her he was concerned about Lo Shun, and disclosed a secret plot against her by Au Ming-shun. "He told me it was Au's intention to use money or any other means to induce me not to give evidence against Lo Shun," she said. "He told me he did not promise Au Ming-shun to introduce him to me, and told me not to see any of the people who were friends of Au's."

#### "HOSTILE" WITNESS

At this point Mr Li, who was questioning her as a prosecution witness, asked for permission to treat her as "hostile" in view of the evidence she was giving, and applied for permission to cross-examine her, which Mr Reynolds granted.

The statement made by her to Inspector Rich on October 20, was then read aloud to the Court, and Leung agreed with or denied each sentence as it was read out. She agreed that on October 23 she had had a call from Kam, but said that it was she and not he (as her statement said) who suggested their meeting the following day.

On October 24 she met him, and he said "You have complained about Lo Shun and we as newspaper reporters are very happy about it." Formerly he took advantage of you and if I had not settled the matter you would have made a complaint," long ago.

Leung agreed that Kam then went on to talk of the character and reputation of Lo Shun and then said that Au Ming-shun, another man, was trying to help Lo.

She denied that Kam had then told her he had heard Au was sending someone to see her but asked him to see her instead as he knew they were friends, and said there was no truth in the part of her statement which quoted him as saying "Anything in the way of money or other conditions would be accepted on condition you do not give such strong evidence in Court against Lo."

Leung agreed, however, that Kam warned her Au might try to trick her, and that she replied that she was not a fool and could take care of herself. She told the Court that she made her complaint against Au and not against Kam, and denied that Kam had asked her not to give strong evidence against Lo.

The case is proceeding.

## Four Fishermen Charged

Four fishermen were charged with possession of arms and ammunition before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning. They were remanded for three days in police custody at the request of the Prosecuting Officer, Det. Sub-Ins. H. A. N. Cattell.

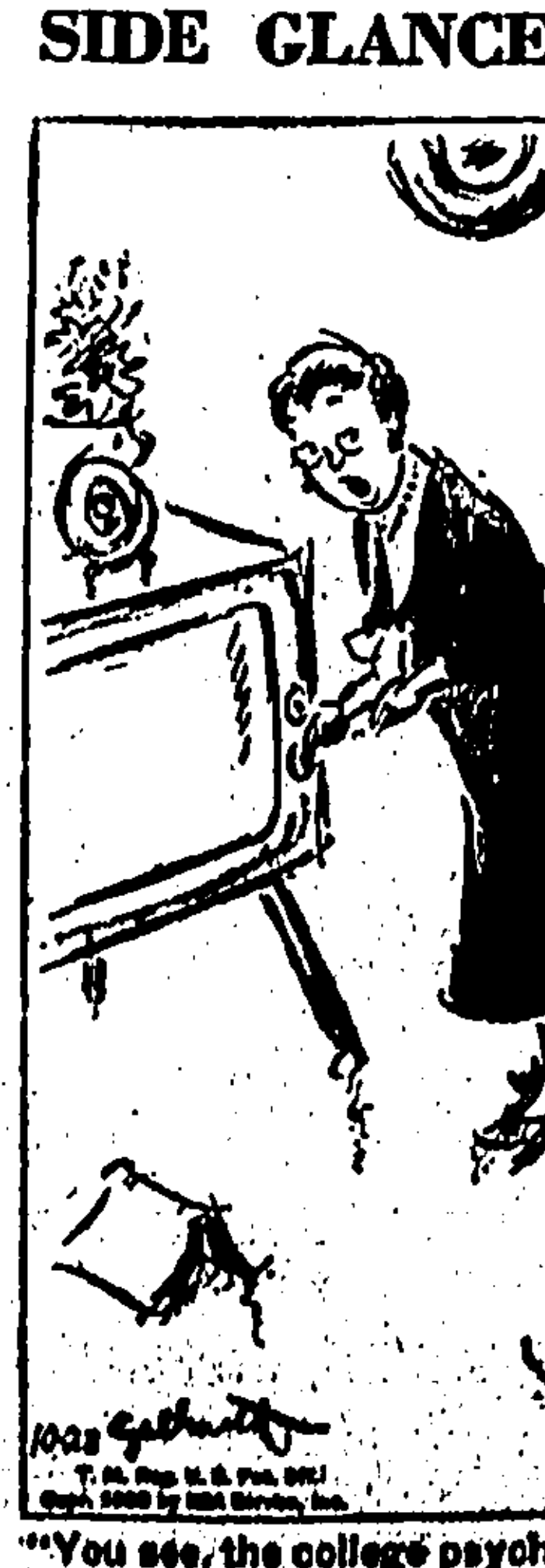
The defendants, Wong Hung-hung, alias Fa Lan-hung, 28, unemployed, Au Keung, alias Sai Lo-tim, 18, unemployed, To Kwai, 22, unemployed, and Wong Pak-lai, 19, boatman, were alleged to have had in their possession on board a boat at Tai Shu Wan, Aberdeen, two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition, on Tuesday.

#### Troopship Here

The troopship HMT Empire Halladale arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom with miscellaneous troops for the local Garrison. She also brought a number of Service families for Hongkong.

The Empire Halladale also has replacement troops for Korea and is due to sail this afternoon.

#### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You see, the college psychology course at 10 o'clock helps me to understand the soap opera that's on at eleven!"

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